Dear Paul,

11/6/77

Before the mail came yesterday and after I took my outgoing mail out to the box for pickup I wrote you and Bud indicating my belief that there has been a change in HFK/FOIA policy. That letter is enclosed.

In the mail yesterday I received copies of records I've been after for years. They are far from complete but they are very helpful. They relate to my requests over the years for autopsy records, particularly the memo of tranfer.

As you know in several cases you later duplicated some of my early requests.

In one case, as you suspected, while I had not pressed my appeal you did. It does appear that although I had asked for it earlier they released that one page of Jackie's testimony in response to your appeal.

We both asked for the Naval review records on the autopsy. I've just checked and see that while I have a file Autopsy-Navy, I have none for this review and I have no copy of it in that file. I have the impression I did receive it, however. If you have a copy I'd appreciate it together with any other relevant records. I sug est copies to Jim and Howard could be very helpful. Howard has pressed with diligence and success for the internal records relating to my efforts to obtain the memo of transfer. Jim will be pressing through legal channels.

These records should be of great help to him, meaning here not those I ask from you, of which it may well be true, but those I have received. It is an incredible record of deliberate violation of the law, deliberate denial of what it is recognized cannot be withheld, and on the other hand a very flattering reflection of my accuracy in analysis and on matters of fact. I corectly understood what they were up to and my letters, insofar as they have provided copies, reflect that I even told them.

When she has time today Lil will be making copies of those records I've received that I think can be of interest to Jim on the one hand and to you on the other. If the copies are not as clear as they could be, and my recollection after reading so many poor ones over a two-day period is not clear, believe me it is not because Lil is not a master of our new machine or because it is not a good machine. Assume that poor copies are more legible than my originals because Lil has learnedhow to do this with the new machine.

By another remarkable coincidence Bud phoned last evening for the first time in a long time. He is coming to discuss unspecifiedmatters with me this afternoon or evening. Perhaps he also perceives what I had. He may also have other matters in mind.

My review of this new material that in fact goes back to 1966 fortifies my belief that Jim can make a stalwart case of giving me all the withheld JFK records without cost based in part on what officials have done to me over the years with regard to them. The old think about the law as he has reported it to me is that they can't be sued for a deliberate tort. (My attitude is let them claim it was a deliberate tort.)

I'm sending Jim and Howard copies of this so they'll be able to understand whatever you may write or send.

There are no other references to you or your requests in this large file I've received.

I have spotted many omissions so I'll be going back to Rhoads. If I later receive any I'll send them. Meanwhile, I urge you to make a similar request, for all records relating to you under both PA and FOIA. They can't soak you for search fees under PA and they can't release to others under PA where your PA rights are involved. Partbcularly because of his able and successful efforts do I suggest that you keep Howard fully informed. Without his efforts and a release I gave him to bypass their right to withhold what relates to me personally these records would not now have been sent to him and to me (only).

You should also be aware that if we had alleged an internal government conspiracy to withhol and to protect the official mythology and to by-pass the Act we would have been absolutely correct, so include in your request lahguage that includes all communications between the Archives, GSA and all other agencies. What I have just gone over indicates this was not only extensive - they even knew things not reflected about my associations of 1969. Not reflected in the records and without any basis in any official records save as they couldx have been the result of surevillance, mail intercepts or both....Because I am too deeply immersed in other matters it would probably help if when you respond you include a copy of this. In haste,